

# **COWG Staff Meeting Minutes**

## **2/26/2005**

### ***Discussion Topics***

The discussion topics for the February meeting were the Wing Commanders' Course and Wing Objectives.

Wing Commanders' Course – Col Cortum provided a briefing on what he learned during the course at Maxwell AFB.

### **Wing Objectives:**

The following four objectives were discussed and the input from the meeting listed below each one.

1. ES Readiness. This encompasses having highly trained and responsive air and ground crews supported by well maintained vehicles and aircraft. The crews must be capable of responding to all potential mission types. Status: COWG now has a proven scanner, observer, and pilot training program that completely complies with NHQ guidelines for training via the SQTRs. The next step is to develop a wing level implementation plan. Capt Jim Smith will work with us on that process. Col Cortum is working on getting an IC training program. Once that is in place, the main items left to develop are mission base staff and ground teams.
2. Increase cadet membership. We have to get the cadet program back on track. Status: COWG cadet ranks are still going down. Maj Hurtado received the survey information on why cadets join CAP from the CAC and will start working on a marketing program. There's an exciting joint exercise coming up in June that should really beef up cadet morale. Lt Col Edward Phelka has joined COWG staff from MIWG and will be the new Director of Cadet Programs. It is believed he will be able to revitalize the program and provide excellent leadership.
3. Implement an active external AE program. This is critical for us in terms of recruiting, grants, and local support. Status: Capt Stack has started posting monthly lesson plans on an AE topic so AE officers will have some good material to work with in their squadrons. Maj Hurtado will continue to work with Cindy Corlett regarding her perceptions of what we can do from an educator's standpoint.
4. Make the most of our legislative contacts. We need to leverage our contacts in state and federal government and seek out those in the active duty military who can best support our organization. Status: COWG is making huge strides on this one. The briefing at the capitol and the trip to Washington are two examples. The next event is Military Appreciation Day on 28 March.